

Bat



- The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) provides advice on urban wildlife issues, but does not provide nuisance bat control.
 - Seal holes that allow entry into walls or attics.
 - Install weather stripping on doors to prevent entry into home.
 - Install screens on windows.
 - For more information on bats and exclusion techniques to keep them out of your home visit <http://www.batcon.org/>

Biological Information

Distribution : Louisiana is home to several different bat species including: Northern long-eared myotis, Southeastern myotis, silver-haired bat, Eastern pipistrelle, big brown bat, red bat, Seminole bat, hoary bat, Northern yellow bat, evening bat, Rafinesque's big-eared bat, Brazilian free-tailed bat

Habitat: Bats can be found throughout Louisiana. Roosting occurs under tree bark, on twigs and branches, in clumps of Spanish moss, and in human structures when suitable.

Appearance: All bats have wings. Most bats in Louisiana have bodies roughly the size of a mouse's. Louisiana bat species come in a variety of colors.

Reproduction: Louisiana bat species give birth from late spring to mid summer.

Adults have 4-6 pups on average.

Food habits: All Louisiana bat species feed on insects such as moths and mosquitoes.

Habits: Different bat species can display very different behavioral characteristics. All species in Louisiana are nocturnal, insectivorous, and use echolocation for hunting and navigation. Many bat species can be seen emerging from their roosts shortly after dusk, or hunting over water or near street lights.

Controls: Many bat species are susceptible to habitat loss and predatory birds.

Values: Bats provide considerable economic benefits in terms of insect control.